

Cambridge. Massachusetts.
24th March. 1862.

My dear Sir.

The specimens have all arrived, and two of them have been sent as you desired. The third has received my warm admiration, and awaits a little leisure for a ~~thorough~~ examination. I suppose by Mr. W. Bahamae died a few months ago. The receipt of the volumes was acknowledged by Mrs. Bahamae, & by Mr. Tidbeckson in the other case.

It takes only a glancer to perceive that your work is done in a style that was both expected of you. How many nice points that passed me six years ago shall I yet find cleared

up in your Biography! I had no
preparation for editing Spenser, -
it was a mere accident that
it struck full to me. To you ^{is}
familiar with the authorship and
miles of that age, much must
have been clear as day which
was dark to me. In fact I
had never felt the least pleasure
in my edition of Spenser - partly
because it was patched up
affair, & did not come from
a beginning exclusive of me - and
I do not think it deserves
any praise except for an attempt
to restore the text. I printed
from Todd's (a reprint of Todd's)
text, but had revised the copy
so far as the F. Queen goes, according

The original editions - and & some
done. but not all. & minor Poems.

I regret to see that in one case at least I
am culpable. That full intent was
too bad.

Ye will perceive that I have not
yet had time to look at my present,
say for a few minutes. & I happen
to be set my many private
and some public duties which
deprive me of all leisure for
the moment. I am also trying
to finish up some notes & a Chaucer's
Grammar which I shall have
the pleasure of sending you soon.

I hope your industry is not
so completely finished as ye say. It
would be a burden to undertake
another work of this magnitude.
We have seen a few that have been

so active for so long a life remain
quiet? —

Accept my best thanks for
the kind way in which you
speak of my neighbour
and, I hope, unpretentious
labor at Spenser, and
for your many favors most
valuable in themselves, and
still more valuable as a mark
of your esteem, and believe me,
with many wishes for your
health and a long enjoyment
of it — quiet ye have earned by
so much service to literature.

Very faithfully yours,

F. G. Child

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